

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee  
Webster Town Hall  
Webster, New Hampshire

January 3, 2013

Attendance: Barbara Corliss (W), Sally Embley (W), Dave Klumb, Alt. (W)

Karen Irwin, Chair (H), Rich Houston (H), Richard Kennedy (H)

Steve Clough, Ex Officio

Absent: Ellen Kontinos-Cilley (W), Mike Greenwood, Alt. (W), Terry Target, Alt. (W)

Public: Peter Sorel

Karen brought the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. Barbara made a motion that Dave be approved as a voting alternate for this meeting substituting for Ellen, Sally seconded the motion, and the motion was passed (5-0). The committee reviewed the December 2012 Minutes. Karen remarked that Dave Klumb was not noted as absent and Steve revised the Draft Minutes. Barbara made a motion to approve the December Minutes as amended, Sally seconded the motion, and the Minutes were approved unanimously (6-0). Barbara asked Karen about the resolution of un-posted previous minutes and she said that they hadn't been submitted yet but were ready to go.

There was nothing new to report on the budget process. Steve didn't have copies of the December after-hours report with him so he will bring them next month. Steve provided the committee with the 2011 population figures which illustrate that Webster is at a 25% per capita standing.

The SW Permit modification was discussed. The speed of the process is up to the state. Sally asked about abutters. She replied that they were notified before the application was submitted as required and would be notified again when the Public Hearing is scheduled. The abutter information is in the package given to committee members but is not included with application that is posted on the Town Website. Two of the abutters have called with questions so far. Karen asked about the non-resident fee schedule that had been worked on by the committee and was informed that it was completed in draft form and would just have to be reviewed when the permit change is made if the committee decides to go in that direction. Barbara asked if any other ideas were ready to be discussed and Steve said that any and all opportunities would be considered if and when the modification was approved.

The books haven't been closed on 2012 yet so the final numbers aren't in. Steve should have all of the 2012 annual reports (expenses, revenue, recycling, materials, etc.) for next month. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for 2013 has been scheduled for Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara went over Webster's capital reserve funding for solid waste. Hopkinton's CIP plan has been reviewed but the committee had asked how Webster handled their contributions. She provided the warrant article from 2007 that originated the fund for transfer station equipment and the 2011 warrant article, which in conjunction with a similar article in Hopkinton, changed the use of the fund to "future landfill purchases and improvements." The current balance of that fund is \$36,312.

Sally asked about the program that had been looked at which would recycle #5 yogurt tubs. Steve replied that a reliable market couldn't be established. Anything that can feasible be recycled will be even if it's not completely economically. The fact that some companies were finding new ways to recycle previously unrecyclable plastic materials was discussed but unfortunately there are still no viable markets available. Hopkinton and Webster currently recycled plastics that make up over 90% of the waste stream but there are persistent issues with the #3 through #7 plastics that require a customized and educational approach.

Karen asked if there were any items for next month's agenda. The year-end reports for 2012 will be scheduled.

There was no public comment but Peter Sorel attended the meeting as a member of the public who is interested in becoming an alternate committee member for Hopkinton.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karen seconded it, the vote was 6-0, and the meeting ended at 7:18 P.M.

